

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the new claims and reconsideration of the election requirement.

The new claims are supported by the specification and claims as filed, and for example, particularly on pages 5 to 9 of the specification.

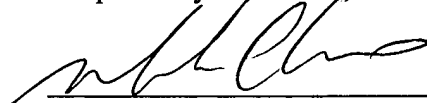
Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call applicants' attorney at the number below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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